Thinkery Announces Spark After Dark

Play. Learn. Give. The perfect recipe for Thinkery’s annual fundraiser and celebration.

October 14, 2022 – Austin, TX – Thinkery, the philanthropic play-based STEAM learning hub of Central Texas, today announced Spark After Dark, its annual evening of wonder, learning and play to raise funds and celebrate Thinkery.

Thinkery is a non-profit with a mission to equip and inspire the next generation of creative problem solvers through innovative, play-based STEAM learning experiences designed to spark a child’s imagination and love of learning.

Thinkery is a safe space for kids to explore, learn, and play - it’s a place where they can make mistakes, get it wrong, and then celebrate when they figure it out. That’s why all proceeds from Spark After Dark will go towards raising critical funds for the Open Door Initiative, a program that ensures ALL Central Texas children and families, regardless of means, can access Thinkery’s inspirational, play-based learning programs. This year alone, more than 68,000 children and families have been able to experience Thinkery and its educational programs for free or at a reduced rate through the Open Door Initiative.

Thinkery is a place of joyful learning and Spark After Dark, now in its second year, will be no different – it will be the most playful event of the year. Spark After Dark will offer a unique, after-hours museum experience for adults where guests can enjoy:

- Interactive art and science demonstrations, including fun and inspiring maker activities
- Mocktails and cocktails inspired by local spirit artisans and companies
- Delicious bites from a variety of Austin eateries
- A variety of opportunities to support the Open Door Initiative through donations, an auction and the purchase of tickets for our Grand Prize raffle

The event’s Presenting Sponsor is Texas Children’s Hospital and Silent Auction Sponsors include Google Fiber, Wells Fargo and Netspend.

“We are grateful for our Spark After Dark sponsors,” said Andy Bell, CEO Thinkery. “Their continued support of Thinkery, our mission, and our efforts to bring STEAM learning to ALL Central Texas children is impactful and meaningful.”

Event details are as follows:

- What: Spark After Dark
- When: Tuesday, October 18 from 7-10pm (doors open at 6pm)
- Where: Thinkery at the Meredith Learning Lab, 1830 Simond Ave., Austin, TX 78723
- Who: All Thinkery donors who give at the $500 level and above are invited to attend. Donate and RSVP HERE.


About Thinkery
Thinkery is Austin’s home for “why” and “how.” Our mission is to create innovative learning experiences that equip and inspire the next generation of creative problem solvers. Thinkery offers 40,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor exhibits for children and families to learn through play. It’s a place where science and families play side by side and people connect with ideas by doing, making and experiencing.
Thinkery is a 501(c)(3), private nonprofit organization; last year we served more than 460,000 children and their grown-ups.

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